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cifically, the CPU 100 causes to display an incoming call screen composed of e.g. the name and the phone number of the caller on the first display 11 or the second display 21, and causes to output a ringtone from the external speaker 308.

By performing the above operation, the user is allowed to 5 quickly answer the phone.

On the other hand, if it is determined that an incoming call has arrived (S25: YES) or if it is determined that the time to ring an alarm has come (S28: YES), the CPU 100 determines whether the dragging operation has finished (S26). If it is determined that the dragging operation has not finished (S26: NO), the CPU 100 waits. Then, when the dragging operation has finished (S26: YES), in the case where an electronic mail has arrived, the CPU 100 notifies arrival of the electronic mail (S27). Specifically, a ring tone is output from the external speaker 308, and at the same time, an icon representing arrival of an electronic mail is displayed on the first display 11 or the second display 21.

By performing the above operation, the user is allowed to perform a dragging operation without being interrupted by a ring alert notifying arrival of an electronic mail or an alarm 20 sound. Further, after the dragging operation has finished, the user is allowed to be notified that an electronic mail has arrived or the time to ring an alarm has come.

The icon representing arrival of an electronic mail may be displayed in a corner on the first display 11 or the second display 21 during a dragging operation.

The following various modifications may be applied, other than the foregoing embodiment and the modifications.

For instance, in the embodiment and the modifications, in the reduced screen display processing, the display screens of the first display 11 and the second display 21 are reduced in size in up and down directions. Alternatively, as shown in FIG. 18(a), the display screens of the first display 11 and the second display 21 may be reduced in size in up and down and left and right directions.

Further, in the embodiment and the modifications, in the reduced screen display processing, the size of an icon being dragged is returned to the original size. Alternatively, as shown in FIG. 18(b), an icon being dragged may be reduced in size for displaying, as well as the display screens surrounding the icon.

Furthermore, in the embodiment, the invention is applied to a so-called slidable mobile phone. The invention is not limited to the foregoing arrangement, but may be applied to a so-called foldable mobile phone.

In addition, the inventive mobile phone is not limited to a mobile phone, but the invention may include e.g. a PDA (Personal Digital Assistant).

The embodiment of the invention may be changed or modified in various ways as necessary, as far as such changes and modifications do not depart from the scope of the claims of the invention.

## REFERENCE SIGNS LIST

11 First display

21 Second display

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12 First touch panel

22 Second touch panel

100 CPU

The invention claimed is:

1. A mobile terminal device, comprising:

a display;

a touch panel configured to detect a start of a dragging operation on an object displayed on a first display screen, displayed on the display, and an end of the dragging operation; and

at least one central processing unit (CPU) that

generates a reduced-size image of a second display screen, which is different from the first display screen, wherein the reduced-size image visually represents the second display screen but at a smaller size than the second display screen,

displays the reduced-size image of the second display screen on the display in response to the detection of the start of the dragging operation, and

moves the object from the first display screen to the second display screen in response to the detection of the end of the dragging operation, wherein the location of the object at the end of the dragging operation is on the reduced-size image.

2. The mobile terminal device according to claim 1, wherein the object to be moved is an icon.

3. The mobile terminal device according to claim 1, wherein the reduced image is a vertically and horizontally reduced-size image of the second display screen.

4. The mobile terminal device according to claim 1, wherein the at least one CPU reduces in size the object in response to the detection of the start of the dragging operation.

**5**. The mobile terminal device according to claim **4**, wherein the at least one CPU reduces in size the object in vertical and horizontal directions.

**6.** A display control method comprising:

displaying a first display screen on a display;

detecting a start of a dragging operation on an object displayed on the first display screen;

generating a reduced-size image of a second display screen, which is different from the first display screen, wherein the reduced-size image visually represents the second display screen but at a smaller size than the second display screen;

displaying the reduced-size image of the second display screen on the display in response to detecting the start of the dragging operation;

detecting an end of the dragging operation on the object, wherein the location of the object at the end of the dragging operation is on the reduced-size image; and moving the object from the first display screen to the second display screen in response to detecting the end of the dragging operation.

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